

**Section N Church and Ministry Committee Report
Eastern Association Fall Gathering
Southern California and Nevada Conference
United Church of Christ, USA**

Masaplalang aldo kekayu ngan! A blessed and abundant day to all of you!

It is with great thanksgiving that the Lord blessed us with this new technology. Indeed, God's plans and ways are higher than the pandemic.

I am happy to share that the churches here in Las Vegas are coming together, working with and not against each other. Here are the highlights of our activities:

1. Consultation Meeting with Rev. Felix Villanueva, SCNC Conference Minister; Rev. Gerry Garber, Past Moderator; and Mr. John DinaPolis, current Moderator of the Eastern Association. This aimed to clarify the issues regarding Section N's scope of responsibilities within the Church and Ministry Committee and an opportunity to be updated with the program plans of the Association and the Conference.
2. Discussion about the two (2) members-in-discernment, who are both from the Northwest Church Community, UCC:
 - > Mr. Brian Shepherd, and
 - > Mr. Jeremy Wallace who is now doing his internship at a UCC Church in Florida.
3. Discussion about the two new churches-in-discernment. Today, we are happy to introduce these two churches-in-discernment and to raise a motion to endorse them as full standing in the UCC.

With the coming of the two more churches, Southern Nevada (Las Vegas Valley) will have a total of nine (9) congregations. We would now be having representations from the Latinos, Hawaiians, Samoans, Filipinos, African-Americans, and Caucasians. This signifies the fulfillment of the call of UCC to become a multi-racial and multicultural Church.

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